



## Jerrie Abrams Foster

Class of 1980

Jerrie Abrams Foster, a native of Birmingham, Alabama enrolled at Tuskegee (Institute) University on a four year athletic scholarship in track and field in 1976. Jerrie was recruited as one of the top high jumpers in the state. She won numerous First Places in most of the track meets. She won first in the Tuskegee Relays, a first for Tuskegee in many years. During her freshman year, Tuskegee's Women's Track Team won the SIAC Championship, also a first in many years. Jerrie lettered three of her years at Tuskegee.

Jerrie was an Elementary Education/Special Education Major. She was an outstanding Student Teacher, working with exceptional children in Montgomery, Alabama. She made the Dean's List and was highly active in campus affairs. Jerrie was also active in Student Government and served on the Judicial Council, and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. Jerrie earned her Masters Degree in Elementary Education from The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Jerrie has taught in the Birmingham City School System for 26 years. For nineteen of those years, she served as a Middle School Reading and Language Arts Teacher. During the last seven years she has served as a System Wide Reading Support Teacher. Jerrie has received numerous awards in the teaching profession such as: Who's Who Among Teachers, Birmingham City Schools; Rotary Club Teacher of the Year, Who's Who Among American Women, and Keeper of the Village Award (Smith Middle School). Jerrie also served as track coach for two years at Washington Elementary School 1980-1982, and assisted with Smith Middle School's Track Team 1985-1999.

Jerrie is affiliated and actively involved with many community, professional, social and religious organizations. She is extensively involved with the First Baptist Church of Ensley, serving on the Deaconess Board, Matron's Circle, Youth Advisor, and Sunday School.

As a member of The Birmingham Area Tuskegee Alumni Association, an athletic committee has been established to oversee the activities of athletic programs and ways for partnering with athletes. The club has been among the top contributors for the Parade of Clubs, has made numerous yearly donations, has sponsored visits to Tuskegee University for High School Visitation Day, and has established the Percy L. White Endowment.

Currently, Jerrie Abrams Foster, husband Kevin (who also attended Tuskegee University) and children Jaleesa and Kevin Lloyd live in Birmingham, Alabama.